

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment After Final, allowed claims 40 and 41 will be the only claims pending in the present application. Accordingly, this Amendment After Final should be entered to place the present application in condition for allowance.

In the final Office Action, claim 43 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on U.S. Patent No. 6,196,232 to Chkudua. Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the claim rejection, Applicant has canceled claim 43 without prejudice or disclaimer to obviate the claim rejection, thus advancing prosecution and placing the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the application, enter this Amendment After Final, withdraw the claim rejection, and issue a Notice of Allowability as soon as possible.

If the Examiner would like to discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney (571-203-2774).


The Office Action contains statements reflecting assertions regarding at least some of the claims and the cited art. Regardless of whether any such statement is addressed above, Applicant declines to subscribe to any assertion in the Office Action.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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